

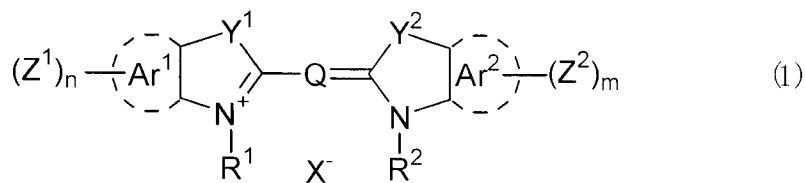
AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (previously presented) A presensitized plate comprised of a support having thereon, in order:

an undercoat layer containing a compound having a polymerizable group on the molecule, wherein the compound having a polymerizable group on the molecule also has on the molecule an ethylene oxide group; and

an image recording layer which includes: an infrared absorber (A) that is a cyanine dye having at least one fused ring comprised of a nitrogen-containing heterocycle in combination with an aromatic ring or a second heterocycle, and having on the aromatic ring or second heterocycle an electron-withdrawing group or a heavy atom-containing group, a radical generator (B), and a radical-polymerizable compound (C), and which is removable with printing ink and/or dampening water.

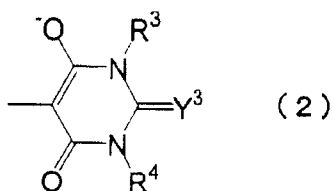
2. (previously presented) The presensitized plate according to claim 1, wherein the infrared absorber (A) is a compound of formula (1) below:



wherein in the formula (1), R¹ and R² are each independently a hydrocarbon group of up to 20 carbons which may be substituted, Ar¹ and Ar² are each independently an aromatic hydrocarbon

group or a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, Y^1 and Y^2 are each independently a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom, a selenium atom, a dialkylmethylene group of up to 12 carbons or a $-CH=CH-$ group, Z^1 and Z^2 are each substituents selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbon groups, oxy groups, electron-withdrawing groups and heavy atom-containing groups, at least one of Z^1 and Z^2 being an electron-withdrawing group or a heavy atom-containing group, wherein the letters n and m each represent 0 or a higher integer, with the proviso that the sum of n and m is at least 1,

Q is a pentamethine group or a heptamethine group which may be substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of alkoxy, aryloxy, alkylthio, arylthio, dialkylamino, diarylamino, halogen atoms, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, oxy, iminium bases and substituents of formula (2) below; or may have a cyclohexene, cyclopentene or cyclobutene ring containing three connected methine chains,



wherein in the formula (2), R^3 and R^4 are each independently a hydrogen atom, an alkyl of 1 to 8 carbons or an aryl of 6 to 10 carbons; and Y^3 is an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom, and

X^- is a counteranion that exists in cases where charge neutralization is required.

3. – 11. (cancelled)

12. – 17. (cancelled).

18. (previously presented) The presensitized plate according to claim 2, wherein the infrared absorber (A) has an oxidation potential of at most 0.45 V (vs. SCE).

19. & 20. (cancelled).